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For: PECTATE LYASES, NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING THEM AND METHODS  
FOR MAKING AND USING THEM

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Preliminary Amendment for the above-captioned patent application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 37 of this paper.

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